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SUBJECT: LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS: US FIRMS

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1. THREATENED NOV 23 CITY-WIDE STRIKE IN AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR WAS RESOLVED WITH MINLABOR IMPOSED SOLUTION TO GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY PLANT DISPUTE. ARBITRATED SETTLEMENT REQUIRED GM TO REINSTATE ALL DISCHARGED WORKERS AND PAY 50 PERCENT OF WAGES LOST BY WORKERS WHILE ON STRIKE AT GM PLANT. ONGOING DISPUTE OVER COMPANY IMPOSED PRODUCTION STEP-UP TO BE RESOLVED BY MINLABOR EXPERTS WHO WILL REVIEW NEW PRODUCTION PROCEDURES PRIOR TO FINAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE.

2. COMMENT. MINLABOR ARBITRATED SOLUTIONS TO DISPUTES AT GENERAL MOTORS AND ST JOSEPH LEAD AGUILAR MINE (REFTEL) ARE PROBABLY GOOD BAROMETER OF FUTURE SETTLEMENTS OF LABOR DISPUTES INVOLVING US FIRMS. WITH ADVENT OF PRO-LABOR PERONIST GOVERNMENT, MINLABOR AUTHORITIES ARE ADOPTING ATTITUDE FAVORING ORGANIZED LABOR IN LABOR/MANAGEMENT DISPUTES. ALSO, WE ANTICIPATE FOREIGN FIRMS WILL FEEL NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES OF MINLABOR FAR MORE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. MINLABOR PRESENTLY RE-ORGANIZING REGIONAL LABOR

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OFFICES IN MANNER GRANTING GREATER AUTHORITY TO NATIONAL

MINISTRY WITH DIMINISHING AUTHORITY FOR PROVINCIAL LABOR OFFICES.  
MINLABOR OTERO HAS STATED THAT HE WILL NAME TRADE-UNIONISTS TO  
HEAD THOSE OFFICES, SO THAT "WORKERS" INTERESTS, AS DETERMINED  
BY ORGANIZED LABOR, WILL BE BETTER PROTECTED." THEREFORE, WHEREAS  
GREATER LABOR DISCIPLINE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL ECONOMIC/  
POLITICAL STABILITY, DISPUTES AT THE PLANT LEVEL ARE LIKELY TO  
OCCUR AT LEAST AS FREQUENTLY AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT WITH AN  
INCREASED BIAS IN FAVOR OF LABOR.  
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